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Statement About the

Steel Trust.

Gates, chairman of the board of directors

of the American Steel and Wire Company,

on a complaint that Mr. Gates had violated

compel Mr. Gates to show cause why a warrant should not issue for his arrest.

Mr. Lamb acted as his own counsel, and

Mr. Lamb asked that the case be set for

May 14, and then submitted a complaint

against Mr. Gates, to which he made affi-

Mr. Nicell moved to dismiss the complaint

on the ground that there had been no of-

fense within the provisions of the penal

code. He claimed that the newspaper ar-

ticle complained of was a general statement of the condition of the steel and wire trade, and not of the American Steel and Wire

Impany.

Mr. Lamb said that he proposed to show

W. D. FOR V. P.

Webster is Willin.

The Star has received the following plece

of news, which is quite interesting and somewhat amusing:

"A new name has been mentioned within

the last twenty-four hours in Washington

in connection with the vice presidential

nomination on the republican ticket, and

this is that of Webster Davis of Missouri,

ex-assistant secretary of the interior, and

who is now on a tour making pro-Boer

speeches. It is announced that Mr. Davis

name will be presented by the Missouri

delegation at Philadelphia, and that he will secure the votes of the delegations from

Missouri and Kansas. It is also stated that

the votes of these states have been pledged

to him, and that others will be given him

considerable surprise not only to

SMITHMEYER AND PELZ.

Senator Stewart Wants Action on Bill

Senate bill 186, for the relief of John L

Smithmeyer and Paul J. Pelz, was called

up in the Senate shortly before 5 o'clock

esterday afternoon by Mr. Stewart, who

said it had been twice objected to under a

misapprehension. The committee on claims

had favorably reported the bill, and Mr.

Stewart asked that the report be printed

in the Record, and said he would again

ask unanimous consent for the considera-

tion of the bill, and if it were not given

him he would insist upon its being taken up. He said he had tried for two sessions

to have a hearing on this matter, and he proposed having one before he quit.

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Smithmeyer and Pelz, he said, had produced the plans for the building for the Library of Congress under competition after thirteen years of labor, and it was the admiration of the world. The architects he said, had not been compensated for their work and he wanted justice done them.

IS NOT A CANDIDATE.

enator Pritchard on the Action of

His State Convention.

Senator Pritchard, who has returned

from North Carolina, where he attended

the republican convention, said to a Star

reporter this morning that while the state

nvention indorsed him for the vice presi

lential candidacy on the ticket with Mc

Kinley, he was in no sense a candidate

"The indorsement," he said, "was intended

as a personal compliment, but does not

make me a candidate. The convention was

one of the best we have ever held in the state, and the situation is especially prom-ising for the success of the republican party in the state. I think we have a very

Mr. W. W. Rapley and family have re

Maryland, where they will spend the sum-

Rev. William Furman Dety of this city

has gone to Lawrence Island, in the Ber-

ing sea, to serve as missionary and teacher among the Eskimos. Mr. Doty sailed the

3d instant from Seattle in the ship Casco

The best wishes of all Princetonians ac

company him.

Prof. J. Fraise Richard, principal of the

Prof. J. Fraise Richard, principal of the Modern Normal College and a resident of Washington, has been selected to deliver the address on Decoration day, May 39, at Fayette, Ohio. He has also been appointed to address the graduates of the Fayette Normal University Friday, June 8.

Dr. A. G. Wilkinson and Miss Wilkinson of this city will sail Wednesday from New York for Antwerp on the Red Star line steamer Friesland.

Mr. Aaron Sommers will sail from New York

steamer Friesland.

Mr. Aaron Sommers will sall from New
York Monday for an extensive trip, to visit
the principal cities of Europe.

noved to their country place, "Avenel," in

good chance of success

for Their Relief.

Delancey Nicoll appeared for Mr. Gates.

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## SHOT AT SCHREINER

Assassin Mistook Policeman for the Cape Colony Official.

POLICEMAN WAS SHOT

General Roberts Pushes His Advance Toward Pretoria.

LATEST WAR NEWS

CAPE TOWN, May 5.- The South African News says that a policeman who was guarding Premier Schreiner's house has been shot, adding that the policeman was moking a cigar at the time, upon which fact is based an assertion that the bullet was evidently intended for the premier, who is an inveterate smoker.

The African Bund papers are making a ensation out of the affair, declaring an anti-Dutch plot is on foot.

#### ROBERTS FOLLOWS ADVANTAGE. His Whole Force Apparently Moving

LONDON, May 5.-Lord Roberts is evidently losing no time in following up the substantial advantage gained by the occupation of Brandfort, and his who'e force is apparently moving on Winburg. The place mentioned in Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office this morning as "Nealwelkot" cannot be found on the maps, and it is likely that it is a cable error for "near Vet Knop," in which case General Ian Hamilton seems to be midway between Houtnek and Winburg, and has thus got between Winburg and General Olivier's command from Wepener, which is occupying Thaba Patchoa.

Between Thabanchu, Ladysmith and Winburg the country is rough and suited for the Boer tactics, so the British are liable to be considerably harassed before they capture the stronghold. Experts differ as to whether Lord Roberts is bound toward Kroonstadt or in the direction of Bethlehem. The latter place is the terminus of the line joining with the Natal railroad at Van Reenan's Pass, and the capture of that place would probably compel. the Boers to leave the Drakenburg range and thus open the way for Gen. Buller's advance. The British will have to repair the bridge over the Vet before the railroad between Brandfort and Winburg becomes available.

Report From Gen. Roberts the Boer tactics, so the British are liable

#### Report From Gen. Roberts. LONDON, May 5.-Lord Roberts reports

to the war office, under date of Brandfort, May 4, as follows:

"Hamilton advanced today to near Wel Ket. He was engaged with the enemy throughout the march. He speaks in terms of praise of the behavior of the troops, especially Broadwood's brigade of cavalry and the mounted infantry."

#### Treatment of British Prisoners.

resentations of late touching the condition of the British prisoners in the hands of the Boers. The State Department is in re-ceipt of reports at regular Intervals from United States Consul Hay, at Pretoria, in which he never fails to describe the conditions. From his reports it appears that while the condition of the English prisoners is not all that it might be, still the Boers are probably treating them with as much consideration as they are able to exercise at present. Consul Hay has been doing everything in his power to add to the mfort of the prisoners, in accordance th his instructions, and the British au-orities have expressed their gratitude for

appears that he has so far discharged it in such manner as to avoid giving any offense to the Boer officials, with whom, indeed, he has become established on an excellent

Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, called upon Secretary Hay at the State De-partment at noon today, but made no ref-erence to the presentation of fresh repre-sentations to the Boer government touching the treatment of the British prisoners, which appears to be in contemplation in London.

### EXPEDITION TO MARINDUOLE

Two Companies of 29th Infantry Occupy the Island. MANILA, May 5.-Col. Hardin's expedi-

tion recently landed two companies of the 20th Infantry on the Island of Marinduque. The troops have already taken four town without opposition, the few armed insurgents encountered taking to the mountains Leaving one company to garrison the island the expedition proceeded to Mashete. The cable to the southern islands

broken and details of the recent fighting are

## THOUSANDS OF JAPANESE COMING Report From Yokohama of Tremer dous Emmigration in Prospect.

TACOMA, Wash., May 5.-Officers of the steamship Tacoma, which arrived from Yokohama yesterday, speaking today of the great number of Japanese flocking to the United States and British Columbia, say it is current talk in Yokohama that 30,000 Japanese will leave their native country this summer for British Columbia, and it this sommer for Eriosh Common, and it is believed that the number coming to the United States will be enormous.

The steamer Tosu Maru is now due on the sound with 1,600 Japanese on board and the Dalnyvost 'k, one of the Tacoma liners, will be here in a few days with 900 more.

### FROST IN NORTHERN ORIO.

Fears That Extensive Damage Has Been Done to the Fruit.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 5.-lce former at many points in northern Ohio last night. weather bureau. The cold wave was accompanied by a very heavy and destructive frost, which was almost general throughout the state. Just how great the damage to fruit has been is not yet known, but it will fruit has been is not yet known, but it will probably be heavy. At a number of places the mercury fell to 6 degrees below the freezing point.

### H. C. FRICK'S SUIT DISMISSED.

#### End of the Litigation Against the Car-

negie Company. PITTSBURG, Pa., May 5.-The court littgation brought about by the rupture be tween H. C. Frick and Andrew Carnegie, which threatened to seriously involve the extensive interests of the great steel producing firm, was cleared from the record today. Upon application of counsel for the plaintiff, formal orders were made by the judge of common pleas courts Nos. 1 and 2, allowing the discontinuance of the Frick suit and the coke contract suit.

Fire at Petersburg, Ind. PETERSBURG, Ind., May 5.-Fire early today destroyed all the buildings on Main street except three stores. Loss, \$80,000;

Sails From Manila Today on the Bishop Thoburn's Idea of a Practical Interest in the Appointments for the Transport Meade.

He is Charged With Making False

NEW YORK, May 5.-A hearing of the ase of George A. Lamb against John W.

the penal code in making false allegations regarding his company, was begun today before Magistrate Zeller. The hearing is to

cisco Early in June.

MANILA, May 5.-The United States transport Meade sailed for the United States at 5 o'clock this afternoon with Maj Gen. Otis and two aids-de-camp on board. The warships in port fired a major general's salute as the steamer raised her

The governor's launch left the palace at o'clock, carrying Gen. Otis' and Gen. Mac-Arthur's staffs to the Meade. The 20th and 14th Infantry, drawn up ashore in front of the city wall, presented arms and the bands played "Auld Lang Syne," while a shore battery saluted.

battery saluted.

During the morning the supreme court judges and many officers called at the palace to bid farewell to Gen. Otis, who kept at work with his accustomed energy until the moment of leaving. Since the beginning of the insurrection Gen. Otis has kept at his desk from early morning until ridinight. He has never been seen on the Luneta, like the other officers, and only two or three times has he been seen in society, and these occasions were esmi-official receptions. The general leaves the army ad-The general leaves the army mirably organized, provisioned and clothed

Mr. Lamb said that he proposed to show that the newspaper reporter who wrote the article was cent for the purpose of Mr. Gates' own gain. He argued that even if the statement did not relate specifically to the business of the company the article was injurious to that concern, as Mr. Gates had stated that the American Steel and Wire Company controlled nearly 80 per cent of the steel and wire business. He alleged that the statement in question was absolutely false. After Mr. Nicoli had replied Magistrate Zeller said that he would let the matter stand over until next Monday at 4 p.m. He made it this date, as he said he understood that Mr. Gates was soon to depart for Europe. He told Mr. Lamb that he might obtain in the meantime the subpoenaes of those whom he wanted to appear at the hearing. With favorable weather General Otls should arrive at San Francisco the first week in June. Although the trip across the Pacific is sometimes made in less than thirty days, that period of time is about the average. As was stated in yesterday's Star, Gen. Otls, at his own request, has been releved from command of the military division of the Philippines and granted indefinite leave of absence to visit his family in the United States, from whom he has been separated for over two years. Maj. Gen. MacArthur assumed command of the troops in the Philippines today, and was himself succeeded in command of the Department of Northern Luzon by Maj. Gen. Wheaton. The official orders on the subject, which were made public at the War Department today, are as follows:

"WAR DEPARTMENT, May 4, 1900. With favorable weather General Otls

teday, are as follows:

"WAR DEPARTMENT, May 4, 1900.

"By direction of the President, Maj. Gen.
Arthur MacArthur, U. S. Volunteers, is assigned to the command of the Division of
the Philippines, relieving Maj. Gen. Elwell
S. Otis, U. S. Volunteers, Maj. Gen. MacArthur, in addition to his dutles as division
commander, will exercise the authority of ommander, will exercise the authority of

if his boom assumes enough substance to last until the convention meets in Philadelphia. The friends of Mr. Davis have pointed out that he will make an acceptable candidate on account of his pro-Boer sympathy and his ability as an orator and

commander, will exercise the authority of military governor of the Philippine islands. Brevet Maj. Gen. Loyd Wheaton, U. S. Volunteers, is assigned to the command of the Department of Northern Luzon, P. I. "On completion of the transfer of the command, Maj. Gen. Otts, accompanied by his authorized aids, will repair to San Francisco. Cal., reporting upon arrival to the adjutant general, U. S. army, for the further orders of the Secretary of War. "Maj. Gen. Otts is relieved from command only in compliance with his own expressed wish. The President directs that this order record his high appreciation of that officer's distinguished and successful services in the Philippine Islands in both civil and military administration. They entitle him to gracitude and honor from his country. "Secretary of War." campaign worker. They say that a great deal depends upon the reception given Mr. deal depends upon the reception given Mr. Davis tomorrow night in New York, where he makes his first appearance as a Boer orator, and if he arouses enthusiasm and gets a reception such as given him in other places, it will advance his candidacy a great deal. Those who are advocating Mr. Davis claim that he will be able to go on the stump during the campaign, go into any state and win votes for the republican party. As President McKinley has decided not to make a speaking campaign such as he did in 1896, it would be a good thing to place an orator on the second place on the ticket, and that Mr. Davis as such could hold his own. They are anticipating a big meeting in New York tomorrow night, and they expect him to arouse great enthusiasm and to who friends for his candidacy.

#### NEW MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS. Generals Kobbe and Bell Given New

Commands. Brig. Gen. William A. Kobbe, U. S. V., has been relieved as military governor of the province of Albay, Luzon, and the Island of Catanduanes, and of the Isla Samar and Leyte, and appointed military governor of the district of Mindanao and Jolo archipelago, to the garrisons and troops

they expect him to arouse great enthusiasm and to win friends for his candidacy. After speaking Sunday night in New York Mr. Davis is going to return to Washington, where, it is expected, he will meet a number of his friends who have his boom in charge, and then he will start on a tour through the south and west, delivering his lecture in favor of the Boers.

"This boom of Mr. Davis has been started without the knowledge of the party managers, and his announce." of which district he has been duly assigned as commanding general. Brig. Gen. James M. Bell United States Volunteers, has been appointed military governor of the provinces of Camarines Albay and Sorsogon, Luzon, of the small agers, and his announcement will no doubt hem, but other leaders in the republican adjacent islands in the immediate vicinity of those provinces and islands which are north of the San Bernardino straits

> Southeastern Luzon." General Bell will complete the establishment through the detail of officers and assistants, of the customs and internal revesistants, of the customs and internal revenue officers necessary for public administration in his district, and the specific regulations issued from the customs and internal revenue offices of Manila. Customs officers (designated as inspectors of customs) and internal revenue officers, whom it is yet necessary to appoint to transact ustoms and internal revenue business at the most important coast and interior towns, will be named by him for confirma-

district is designated as the "District of

tion.

Upon application and for the guldance of such appointees, the chief officers of customs and internal revenue of the islands, the captain of the port of Manila and the auditor of public funds, will furnish them with such letters of instructions, circulars, orders and blank forms relating to the performance of their civil duties as may pertain to the department of civil administration to which they may be assigned.

### GIVEN SEVEN MONTHS MORE.

Time for Exchanging Ratifications of Hay-Pauncefote Treaty Extended.

Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, today signed a treaty extending for seven months from August 5 next the period of time allowed for the exchange of ratifications of the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty. The extension was arranged with a view of carrying th treaty over to the next session of Congress and until the expiration of the present term of the administration, in view of a convic-tion that no action upon it can be expected during the present session of Congress.

### Marine Corps Orders.

Maj. C. H. Lauchheimer, inspector, has een ordered to Fort Monroe for duty with the board of inspection on the U.S. S. Buffalo. Capt. J. A. Lejeune has been detached

from the Massachusetts and ordered home. Capt. W. M. McKelvy, from the marine barracks, New York, to command the marine guard on the battle ship Kentucky. Second Lleuts. R. V. Rhea and F. C. Lander have been ordered to Washington,

D. C., for instruction.

Second Lieut. F. E. Evans, from the marine barracks, Boston, to the battle ship
Kontuckly

Kentucky.

First Lieut. William Hopkins and Second
Lieuts. A. S. Williams, J. M. Wright and
J. M. Huey, to Manila on the U. S. S. Sol-

Gen. Greely's Case. Secretary Root indicated today that he did not regard the case of Gen. Greely as calling for any action on his part. answer to a direct question on that point he said in a non-committal way that the matter had not been brought to his atten-tion, and he really didn't know what Gen. Greely had said in his speech at Worcester in criticism of the army system.

## HEARING IN GATES' CASE OTIS STARTS HOME ARMY OF CHRISTIANS AT THE WHITE HOUSE OTIS HAD AUTHORITY ENTIRE TOWN BURNS

Church Militant.

OFFICIALS BID HIM GOOD VOYAGE AN END-OF-THE-CENTURY SCHEME

Expected to Arrive at San Fran- He Wants 2,000,000 Converts and to Raise \$20,000,000.

TWO AIDS ACCOMPANY HIM SOME DETAILS OF THE PLAN

CHICAGO, May 5.-Bishop James M. Phoburn discussed today his plan for raising an army of 100,000 workers to fulfill the bishop's call. Bishop Thoburn's plan has been freely debated by members of the general conference, and probably will come before that body early this month in the form of a memorial presented by some delegate.

Bishop Thoburn's plan contemplates briefly an organization of church members to become evangelists, and by systematized efforts to gather in 2,000,000 souls and \$20,000,000 before the close of the century. "I cannot give my plans in detail at this time," said Bishop Thoburn, "for when I came to the conference I had them only in outline. Since coming here and finding the interest that is manifested, I can say it is probable that they will be before the con-

probable that they will be before the conference soon.

"In a way my plan may be compared to the military policy of the United States. There is a large volunteer army scattered throughout the country. Say that a war is about to begin, what has the government that it can lay its hands upon? The recruiting sergeant. Surely there are a large number of recruiting sergeants to be found in every congregation, every district and every annual conference throughout the country.

Henry Active Work Needed.

Hearty, Active Work Needed.

"Could the members of the church be induced to rally in support of such a movement? That depends on how it is managed. It cannot be done unless the right kind of men and women are put in charge of it and the right plans adopted for carrying it forward. It can be stifled at the outset by a perfunctory and heartless policy or it may be organized and prosecuted so as to make itself felt far into the next century. be to select five or six men who have land experience in Christian work, and let them decide on the best plans for putting the idea into effect. The great point to be settled first is that an effort of this kind shall have the approval of the conference, not alone in a general way, but that it has its solemn sanction and authority."

The Standing Committees The standing committees of the M. E. general conference have been organized as follows, to hold office four years:

Book concern-Chairman, Governor Leslie M. Shaw, Iowa; secretary, Chas. W. Millard, New York. Church extension-Chairman, Dr. John Field, Philadelphia; secretary, J. C. Cox,

Freedman's aid and southern education-Chairman, Rev. Jos. Pullman, New York; secretary, Reuben S. Lavingood, Texas. Education-Chairman, Rev. James R.

Day, New York; secretary, Ira M. De Long, Colorado. Sunday schools and tracts-Chairman, Dr. M. H. Hammill, Illinois; secretary, D. S.

Payne, Iowa.
Missions-Chairman, Dr. Wm. F. Oldman,
Chio; secretary, Dr. James Mudge, New
England. England.
State of the church—Chairman, ex-Gov.
Robert E. Pattison, Pennsylvania; sesretary, Rev. Edward J. Gray, Pennsylvania.
Temporal economy—Chairman, Dr. J. M.

Temporal economy-Chairman, Dr. J. M. King, Philadelphia; secretary, Prof. Solon Episcopacy-Chairman, Dr. J. M. Buck-ey, New York; secretary, Dr. J. W. E.

Bowen, Atlanta.

Epworth League—Chairman, Prof. Royal
S. Copeland, Michigan; secretary, Dr. I.

Irving Penn. Georgia.

Revival—Chairman, Dr. J. E. Sawyer,
New York; secretary, Charles A. Goss,
Nebraska

Temperance - Chairman, Dr. Samuel Dickie, Michigan; secretary, Dr. J. W. Dickie, Michigan; secretary, Dr. J. W. Bashford, Ohio.
Itinerary—Chairman, Prof. Samuel F. Upham, New Jersey; secretary, Abram B. Decker.
Boundaries—Chairman, one of the bishops; secretary, not yet elected.

Delegates Prompt in Attendance. Delegates to the conference were more

prompt than usual in taking their seats in the Auditorium Theater at the opening session today. This was due to the announc ment by Bishop Warren that hereafter the delegations would be expected to be in their seats at 8:30.

The devotional services today were conducted by Fayette L. Thompson of Michigan, while Bishop Walden presided over the histogas session

usiness session A number of the standing committees will

## HIS LAST DAY AT ST. LOUIS.

Admiral Dewey and Party Leave for Memphis Tonight.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 5,-Ceremonies connected with the visit of Admiral and Mrs. George Dewey to St. Louis were practically concluded today with a military and civic parade, which included organizations from all parts of the state. This evening the admiral will attend a meeting of the military order of the Loyal Legion, of which has been a member for over twenty years, but this will be purely an informal years, but this will be purely an informal affair, given in order to allow some of the admiral's old friends an opportunity to meet him again. Tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock the admiral and his party will leave for Memphis.

#### MRS. RUSIE ASKS PROTECTION. Wife of Base Ball Player Fears He Will Kill Her.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 5.+Mrs. Amos Rusie, wife of the ball player, came home from Indianapolis at a late hour last night, and at midnight called the police to guard her home. She says she believes that her hus-band followed her to Muncle and will try to kill her. to kill her.

GEORGIA NEGRO LYNCHED. He Was Accused of Complicity in

DOUGLAS, Ga., May 5 .- Marshall Jones negro, implicated in the murder of Allen Crosby, a white man, in Coffee county, was taken from jail at Douglas last night and lynched. The negro was tied to a small pine tree and his body riddled with bullets.

FIRE AT CRESTLINE, OHIO. Report That the Hotel and Depots Are Burning.

MANSFIELD, Ohlo, May 5.-It is reported here that the business portion of Crestline is burning. The Continental Hotel and the Pennsylvania and the Big Four depots are on fire.

Territory of Hawaii.

#### PRESIDENT MAY NOT VISIT CHARLOTTE

Representative King of Utah Tells of the Recent Mine Disaster.

OTHER CALLERS TODAY

The first of the Hawaiian nominations ere made yesterday afternoon by President McKinley. They were Sanford B. Dole to be governor and Henry E. Cooper to be secretary of the territory. These selections were foreshadowed in The Star along with others which are yet to be made. Three



Governor S. Dole.

justices of the supreme court, a United States judge, several territorial judges, a marshal, district attorney and collector of

Morris M. Estee of California is to be Inited States judge, and a Mr. Rey of Illinois is to be marshal. These are about the only appointments which will go to citizens outside the island.

For Territorial Judge.

Senator McBride of Washington and his brother, Dr. McBride, were visitors at the White House today, accompanied by Judge E. Caypless of Honolulu. Senator McBride is endeavoring to secure Judge Caypless' appointment as a territorial judge for Hawaii. There are five of these places, two in Honolulu and one each on other import-

ant islands.

Senator McBride is one of the most sanguine of the republican leaders as to the result of this year's presidential contest. He advocates the nomination of Senator Fairbanks for Vice President, but believes that the republican ticket will win, no matter who is nominated. "I know that there is just a little scare on now," said Senator McBride, "but it will be of benefit to us. There is not the slightest probability of the republicans being defeated this fall. I occasionally hear some man say that republican chances have slightly lessened, but there is no real foundation for such an opinion. President McKinley will be safely and easily re-elected, and the republican triumph will equal that of four years ago."

May Not Go to North Carolina.

### May Not Go to North Carolina.

Senator Pritchard and Col. A. B. Andrews, third vice president of the Southern railway, saw the President to press him for an acceptance of the invitation recently extended to visit Charlotte, N. C., on May 22, to attend the exercises in celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence. The President said that he would give a definite answer in a few days. Owing

give a definite answer in a few days. Owing to having accepted invitations to go to Fredericksburg May 25 and to Antietam May 30 the President may find it impossible to go to Charlotte May 22.

Senator Pritchard spoke to the President of the North Carolina republican state convention of a few days ago. It is said that the colored republicans, not knowing the facts, feel offended because some representative of their race was not elected a delegate-at-large to the national convention. The understanding was that H. P. Cheatham, recorder of deeds of the District, should be the colored representative in the nam, recorder of accus of the District, should be the colored representative in the "big four." Cheatham was selected for this purpose, but voluntarily declined in favor of Charles McNamee, the wealthy representative of the Vanderbilt interests at Asheville.

### Representative King a Visitor.

President McKinley had a long and pleasant talk this morning with Representative King, the new member of the House from Utah. Although Mr. King is a democrat, the President briefly referred to political conditions, during which he expressed the opinion that William J. Bryan will be the democratic nominee for President this year. The President inquired for additional details of the terrible mine diseaser in Litab tails of the terrible mine disaster in Utah, and expressed the hope that the country would generously contribute to the fund being raised for the families of the dead

### The Star Thanked.

"I want to thank The Star," said Mr. King, "for offering to receive contributions for the bereaved families in Utah. Nearly 1,200 widows and orphans were made by the explosion. The people of the state have contributed and have adequately sup-plied present wants, but many of the fam-illes will need help for a long time. All the aid which is given can be judiciously

Other Callers Today. Senator Elkins was at the White House with Louis Sulzbacker of Missouri, who is

strongly backed for a place on the suoreme bench of Porto Rico. It is stated that Frank Bergen of Eliza oeth, N. J., has declined the offer of the position of chief justice of the supreme court of Porto Rico. No other name is under consideration for the place. The President is seeking a man of high qualifi-

cations for this place.

Senator Burrows, Representative Sibley and others spoke to the President in behalf of men who want places in Hawaii. Representative Sibley was accompanied by E. C. Jones of Bradford, Pa. Mr. Jones wants to be collecter of customs at Honolulu. Senator Wolcott talked with the President this morning, prior to his department for Colorado to attend the republican state convention, to be held soon.

Senator Platt and Representative Hill of Connecticut and Senator Clay and Representative Hill of Connecticut and Senator Clay and Representative. ations for this place Connecticut and Senator Clay and Repre-entative Bartlett of Georgia saw the Presi-

Utah Thanks the President. President McKinley has received the fol-

"SALT LAKE, Utah, May 4. Hon. William McKinley, Washington: "Your telegram expressing your generor sympathy for the families and friends of our fellow-citizens who have so unexpect-dly met death in the mine explosion at Schofield is received and appreciated. Sor-rowing Utah thanks you for your thoughtful interest.
"HEBER M. WELLS, Governor."

# JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S OPIN-

ION ON MAJ. KIRKMAN'S CASE.

Effect of the Decision Dismisses That and Other Officers-Power of the President.

Jduge Advocate General Lieber has given

an opinion to the Secretary of War to the effect that Gen. Otis, commanding the division of the Philippines, acted fully within his legal aut'rority in ordering the dismissal of Maj. George W. Kirkman, 49th Volunteer Infantry, and three other officers, in execution of sentences of courts-martial on conviction of various infractions of the articles of war. This opinion carries with it by implication the idea that a state of war exists in the Philippine Islands, as otherwise under the army regulations the general commanding in the field would not have final jurisdiction in a court-martial case involving the dismissal of an officer of case involving the dismissal of an officer of the army. In addition to Maj. Kirkman, the officers who are affected by this opinion are First Lieut. Clayton J. Bailey, 27th Volunteer Infantry, convicted of conduct to the prejudice of military discipline; First Lieut. Robert C. Gregg, 43th Volunteer Infantry, convicted of being drunk and disorderly in a public place; Second Lieut, E. B. Johnson, 49th Volunteer Infantry, convicted of being drunk on duty.

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Maj. Kirkman was convicted of bein Maj. Kirkman was convicted of being drunk and disorderly on the streets of Manila and firing off his revolver in a public cafe. The conduct of that officer on the transport on the journey to Manila in company with Archbishop Chappelle was not part of this case. In each of the cases named the sentence of dismissal was approved by Gen. Otis, to take effect March 31, 1990.

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The friends of the four officers have protested to the President that Gen. Otis exceeded his authority in dismissing them. Their contention is that the government never having officially acknowledged the existence of war in the Philippines it was in the province of the President alone to approve a sentence of dismissal. The opinion of the judge advocate general on the legal proposition involved is not necessarily final and conclusive, as in case it does not meet the approval of the President he may set it aside and act independently on the question according to his own judgment. It is not usual, however, to act contrary to the opinions of the law officers of the department on legal questions affecting the military, unless there are stong reathe military, unless there are stong rea-sons of policy or expediency for so doing.

#### SUCCEEDS GEN. MERRITT. Gen. Brooke Goes to New York to Dis-

charge His New Dutles. Maj. Gen. J. H. Brooke was at the War Department this morning in consultation with the officials in reference to his assumption of the duties of commander of the military division of the department of the east. Accompanied by Mrs. Brooke, he left here for New York this afternoon, and in accordance with a previous arrangement with Maj. Gen. Wesley Merritt, now in command of that military department, he will assume command at Governor's Island

next Thursday morning. Gen. Merritt has next Thursday morning. Gen. Merritt has been granted leave of absence, with per-mission to go abroad, and will make a tour of Europe in company with Mrs. Merritt. He will retire for age on the 18th proximo, and Gen. Otis, who starts home from Ma-nila today, will succeed to the vacancy thus created in the list of major generals.

### THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

Proposition to Continue Its Existence In the Senate yesterday afternoon Mr. Kyle submitted an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill authorizing the continuance of the industrial commission until December 31, 1991. The amendment a relief vessel, the regular lightship being was referred to the committee on education and labor. The law authorizing the commission provided its life should be two years, which period ends next October. It rill be represented to the committee to con sider the amendment that if the comm sion is not continued it will not be possible to complete much of the work that ha been begun. By extending the time unti-the Fifty-seventh Congress has met the commission will have an opportunity to submit additional recommendations for leg-islation along the lines on which it is in-quiring to that Congress.

### BUSINESS OF THE SUEZ CANAL.

Vice Consul General Hunter Says That It Broke the Record. Last year's business of the Suez canal was the largest in its history, according a report to the State Department from Vice Consul General Hunter at Cairo, Vesels to the number of 3,480, of a tonnage of 9.803.022, passed through the canal, paying for the privilege \$17,510,142. The United States cut a sorry figure in all this traffic. with only twenty-five shins, the same num er that Turkey sent through the canal. ritish vessels were the most numerous ne number passing the canal being 2.207 The Germans came next, with 378; the French third, with 223; the Dutch fourth. with 205, and the Austrians fifth, with 102 he remaining nations having each han 100 ships to their credit.

### MINISTER WILDE PRESENTED.

New Representative of the Argentine Republic Senor Eduardo Wilde, the newly appoint

ed Argentine minister, submitted his credentials to the President at the White House today. Accompanied by his legation staff, the min'ster first came to the State Department and met Secretary Hay, who escorted him to the White House and inroduced him to the President. The usual felicitous speeches were ex

changed, the minister expressing a hope for the cont nuation of the marvelous pro-gress of this great republic, and the Pres-ident welcoming Senor Wilde as a worthy successor to Senor Garcia Meron

#### DELAY IN THE ALBANY. She Was Bought by This Country Be fore the Spanish War. There appears to be considerable delay

in getting the Albany ready for sea. The ship is still at the Elswick works in Engand, whence it was expected she would sail for this country in March. A report just received from Captain J. E. Craig, who has been assigned to command the Albany, sent April 11, states that the cruiser is still tied up at the docks of the contractor. Captain Craig says that there seems to be a serious hitch over the dynamos, and that although the contractors are working faithfully it is impossible for him to make a trustworthy mediction when the vessel will be ready to steam for the United States. The Albany is to go to the Brooklyn navy yard who she reaches this side, in order to be ove

#### hauled and equipped according to The Pneumatic Tube Bill.

standard of our navy.

The consideration of Senate bill 3278 has een transferred from the committee on the District of Columbia to the committee on printing of the Senate. The bill author-izes the laying and maintaining of a pneu-matic tube system between the Capitol and the government printing office.

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Neighboring Mining Towns Take Prompt Measures of Relief.

MORE AID IS NEEDED

SPOKANE, Wash., May 5 .- A special to the Spokesman Review from Kaslo, B. C.,

Sandon, the second mining town of importance in the Slocan district, has been ompletely destroyed by fire and nearly all ts 1,200 people are homeless and ruined Kaslo is twenty-eight miles from Sandon. About midnight large clouds of smoke came rolling over this town from Sandon. once word went out that Sandon was destroyed, but no news could be had from the desolate town, as all wires were down. At 4 p.m. a train came in from Sandon bringing a number of those who lost their property. They reported that the total loss was between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, while the insurance could only have been about \$25,000.

Shortly after the flames broke out the Shortly after the flames broke out the streets were filled with hundreds of men and women. The flames started between Spencer's Hall and Brown's store. Two streams seemed to hold the flames in check for a while Then one stream gave out and the flames spread rapidly. After that it was only a matter of the fire burning itself out.

#### Houses in Fire's Path Destroyed. The miners' hospital and a drug store

were blown up in an effort to stop the flames. By this time all the lower part of the town, including the tenderloin and bushness places, were gone. Then the firemen blew up the Echo Hotel, one of the finest buildings in the Kootenai country, the Canadian Pacific railroad station and other buildings, in order to save the valuable stores of H. Geigerich and H. Byers & Co. This was accomplished. Half a dozen other buildings, including the electric power house at the extreme ends of the town, were saved. The rest of the town was destroyed. Relief measures were taken instantly. The officials of Sandon donated \$3.00. and mining men there contributed \$3.00. Kaslo raised \$1,800 and sent up a special train with large supplies of food, tents and clothing. More relief is needed. blew up the Echo Hotel, one of the finest

## THE VIRGINIA A HOPELESS WRECK. Fate of Fifteen of the Steamer's Crew Still in Doubt.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NORFOLK, Va., May 5.—The British steamship Virginia, which stranded Wednesday on outer Diamond shoals, Cape Hat-teras, and which was not discovered until yesterday on account of the thick weather, lies today a hopeless wreck at the "grave-yard of all shipping." Her cargo of iron ore is at the bottom of the sea, and the vessel broken in two. The survivors, Cap-tain Samuels and four men, are at Hatteras life-saving station. They lost everything. Six of the crew met death by drownthing. Six of the crew met death by drown-ing, and the fate of the fifteen who got safely away in a small boat is unknown, as nothing has been heard of them. It is reported they took no provisions in their hurry, and if the boat outrode the

### effect of extending the life-saving ser season the year round. At present coast is unguarded in June and July. McLEAN THROWS DEWEY OVER. Admiral's Brother-in-Law Jumps in

urring so late in the season may have the

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, May 5.-W. S. Thomas, chairman of the democratic state central committee, states that John R. Mc Lean has deserted his brother-in-law, Admiral Dewey, and jumped into the front seat of Bryan's band wagon. Mr. McLean has authorized the state central committee to fix the time for holding the democratic state convention and has abandoned

state convention and has abandoned all thought of having the time when it will best suit Dewey's interests.

Chairman Thomas stated further that there was no possible room for misconstruction on McLean's action, declaring that it meant that the Dewey candidacy, which has fallen flat the country over, is to be abandoned. The plan is to let the people gradually forget the matter. Mr. Thomas abandoned. The plan is to let the people gradually forget the matter. Mr. Thomas said Ohio is for Bryan first, last and all the time.

#### TO REGULATE GRADES. Favorable Report Drawn by Mr. Clay-

The report of the House District committee on the bill to regulate the grades of 20th street has been drawn by Mr. Clay-

ton of New York. The report says: "The bill originated with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who ask authority to make certain shifts and changes visions to newer and better conditions. These abandoned streets and places were donations on the part of property owners, and the new streets have also been given at the request of the Commissioners. It is but right, therefore, that the abandoned lands shall revert to the original owners. "Furthermore, the bill proposes to allow the establishment of building lines and parkings in the suburbs in the ner that parkings and building lines have been established in the city, and subject to the same limitations and regulations. This legislation is eminently proper, because it will encourage donations of land for street and avenues."

#### GONE TO POPULIST CONVENTION. Departure of Senator Pettigrew and

Senator Butler of North Carolina, Sena tor Pettigrew of South Dakota, M. C. Gavock of Virginia, N. W. Fitzgerald of West Virginia and George H. Shibley of New York headed a party of eastern populists that left today for Sioux Falls, S. D., to attend the populist national convention to be held there next week. Senator Butler is chairman and Gavock and Fitzgerald are members of the national committee. Just before he left Senator Butler expressed the decided opinion that Bryan would be nomi-nated by the convention for President by acclamation.
Senator Allen of Nebraska, who is to place Bryan in nomination, accompanied by Representative Sutherland, also of Nebras-

ka, left Washington yesterday for the homes, whence they will go to Sioux Falls, Big Fire at Glasgow, Ky.

GLASGOW, Ky., May 5 .- Fire today de stroyed the business part of this city. Seven buildings were burned causing a loss of \$150,000; partially insured.